

SENATE BILL 2643

By Gardenhire

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
Chapter 19, relative to foreign influence in politics.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 19, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

A foreign national, corporation, charitable or nonprofit organization, governmental entity or body, or interest group shall not interfere with a federal, state, or local election, governmental entity, agency, or governing body by:

(1) Providing financial support for a state or local initiative, referendum, unofficial public opinion poll on a government bill or initiative, or other matter for which an electorate casts a vote or indicates a preference that does not involve the election of an individual to public office; or

(2) Providing financial support through social media advertisements, by the deliberate dissemination of misinformation, or by another overt or clandestine act intended to influence the outcomes of the activities described in subdivision (1).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.